

New York Octoba 8<sup>th</sup> 1824

My dear Sir

An occasion for "troubling  
you", as Jack Ketch says, "with a line" has  
been afforded somewhat earlier than I antici-  
pated when I threatened to do so. The  
son of Mr Van Buren a wealthy  
Merchant here had prepared for entering  
Columbia College. Immediately after my  
return I sent <sup>to his father</sup> unaccompanied by any  
recommendation ~~too~~ a copy of the pros-  
pectus of Washington College - The result  
is he did not offer himself at Col. Coll. &  
the father 3 days ago called to say that  
he would send him with me to Hartford.  
I am the more gratified with this because  
the boy I think has talents & a disposition  
to apply himself which will do credit to



his instructors, & redeem the city of Gotham  
from some share of the disgrace inflicted  
on it by the Grand Signior Knicker. He  
has moreover a brother or brother younger  
than himself—do you take?

My object in  
writing now is to secure for him (at his  
father's request) a place at Mrs Whistons.  
If she can receive him at her table and there  
is a half-room unoccupied please to say to  
her that she may consider him engaged  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> November. With regard to his  
room make I should prefer that he should  
go in with Hall or Morgan. He is a quiet,  
civil, industrious boy, & I should wish  
him to continue so—besides his being a  
Freshman would be a strong objection to  
his rooming with a Senior. If he cannot get  
in with us, (which I greatly prefer that  
he should do) will you have the goodness to  
consult the Bishop & to <sup>inform me of</sup> make the best ar-  
rangement for him you can make—also of  
the articles which he must take with him &c  
He.

will read with me the Studies which the  
clap are pursuing at least in part

Please to  
desire the President to send me by the first  
steam boat as many copies of the prospectus  
as he can spare. They will do good  
here & in due time we shall reap. The  
terms of instruction have been raised in  
this College—a measure by no means  
popular & which when we obtain  
a local habitation & a name will  
redound to our advantage. Indeed  
from all I can learn (a few pains  
excepted) the best dispositions & expectations  
are entertained with regard to us.

I drew a letter  
from Rev Mr W. at London—he says that  
he has procured for us several cases of books—  
especially a valuable collection of Classics—  
most of the important French authors—& most  
of the Fathers forming as he says a small  
yet very excellent foundation for a library.  
He was to sail the 24<sup>th</sup> ult.

My dear friend I  
think of you & of our little charge very often.



It causes me much regret to be absent though  
I doubt not my absence is but little felt. We  
are using all diligence in our preparations  
& when I once get to H. I shall be very wil-  
ling to make up for lost time.

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To The Rev. Aettri. Humphrey

Washington College

Warford

Conn.



her Ma.  
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Doane.

Present my best respects to ~~the President~~  
the President & family & to Professor Hall, rap-  
porting them that I am instant in season & out of  
season in promoting the favorable opinion which  
is every where expressed of W. College. Remind the Prof.  
of his promise to write if any thing notable should oc-  
cur ~~to report~~ & say to him that I shall take great pleasure  
in executing any of his orders here. Make my respects to Dr. G. &  
family & to Miss Whiting & tell her we are all very anxious to be  
under her roof. Write soon I believe me your friend G. W. Doane



Boston, April 2. 1829

My dear friend,

Did I not consider the How  
reproof contained in your last, though in  
part merited, in some degree inflicted upon you  
in a pleasant way I should feel truly unhap-  
py. A letter from you I shall always esteem  
well worthy an answer though care & labour &  
perhaps occasional fits of laziness may cause it  
to be delayed. I do find my time always much  
occupied. But the present season has much in-  
creased my duties. In this month besides Sunday  
& daily labours, I pray you a week I have a  
Once Lecture, a Fast Sermon & a Sermon for the  
Indigent Boys Asylum - & last month was  
scarcely less labourous. The Watchman too asks  
a day now & then & my correspondence both  
private and as Missionary Society is very large.  
A letter from Mr. Hobart has been on hand a  
month uncansioned. For my delay in reply to  
you



esteemed friends I solicit your kind indul-  
gence, promising to try & sin no more. I regret  
with you the loss of Brownell from the watch-  
man. I had in his judgment perfect confidence  
of Dye I know but little but should think  
him prudent. I know not who wrote the cer-  
tial notice of Mr Kings Missionary labours; - but  
must doubt the expediency of any recognition  
of those whom we cannot consider "sent." -  
I have read with interest the Haverhill Cones-  
pondence & have made inquiries in regard  
to it. Say to my friend Beach that I have fol-  
lowed his suggestion in opening a correspondence  
with Mr Prince & that to him (Beach) I shall  
soon write thanking him for his interest in  
the Church, & assuring him that in addressing  
himself on that subject to me, he has not  
mistaken his man. Our Missionary Society  
has chiefly confined its exertions to New State.  
It will not necessarily do so - and I feel as if  
I should the Haverhill people be found in earnest  
something

may be done for them. Your kind offer of a Sun-  
day shall not be lost sight of.

The negligence of  
the people at Loan House most astonishes me.  
I shall write to day or tomorrow to S. H. Kentley-  
ton urging his immediate attention to it. Do I  
understand you to say that you are in ad-  
vance to me \$50 dollars? I was not aware  
of it. What is there besides the  
mistake in Campbells age & so on  
thereabouts? I feel deeply grate-  
ful to you for your kind forbearance - and  
can only say that if you have patience with  
me I will pay you all - & if ever the occasion occurs  
with interest. Since I came here besides buying out  
of 125 at WHP & 70 from Brownfield I have had  
to pay 80. for printing the S. S. tract - & 50. for pen-  
odicals for the S. W. besides the unquitting bills  
of 57. to Webb. None of these things you can  
see for my particular advantage. Nowhere they  
constitute no claim on you - nor have I any other,  
nor



need I, than Christian friendship & brotherly love — We are sorry  
to hear of your Child's sickness — you do not mention which — and  
anxious to hear how it is. — Who will go to Baltimore? Is Chas.  
am. vacant? A certain Minister in Iowa, asked me about it. If he  
comes you may tell the Bishop. Sub rosa is because of him. I  
suspect his opinion is not good — but this between us. Potter is of the same

To / The Rev. Professor Humphreys,  
Washington College,  
Hartford,  
Connecticut.

Geo. W. Doane.

Opinion — Do you design appointing a Professor of Belles Let-  
tres next Season? How do you like my relation of a dove &  
mole for the Juniors — "Centum Combleca nikotai" — "Omnes  
Sapientia alta tenentes?" — Plot out my offense & write me  
soon. But love to you & yours — believe me ever  
Your affectionate friend & brother G. W. Doane